

# THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF ROCHESTER

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## Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2007

**Attending:** D.Bird, P.Brayer, E.Herman, R.Herman, N.Jaschik, G.L'Esperance, M.Lederman, E.Lemon, H.Parreno, M.Parsons, W.Spilly and D.Yarbrough. Guests- John Baldessi and Dave McKnitt.

**1. Opening Reflection-** by D.Yarbrough.

**2. Minutes-** Motion by H.Parreno; seconded by P.Brayer to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2007 meeting as distributed by e-mail. Approved unanimously.

**3. Financial Report-** M.Parsons distributed a financial report covering the period from 12/13-06 through 3/14/07 .

**4. N Y State budget (Health Care Portion )-** Guest John John Baldessi of SEIU 1199 spoke for the union as part of their coalition with the Greater NY Hospital Assn. He expressed their position on the health care portion of the NY State budget in opposition to the position of Gov. Spitzer.

**5. Membership-** D.Bird- Requested both board and TIAR members to send in their dues as soon as possible to avoid the necessity of a second mailing.

**6. Interest Areas-** N.Jaschik- The following are interest area coordinators: E.Lemon- Education (Poverty); Poverty- P.Brayer; Economic Justice- G.Mott; State/National- (N. Jaschik and S. Brown); Peace and Non-violence-H. Parreno; HealthCare-Open. The duties of an interest area coordinator are to contact those members listing that particular interest area and to engage them in what is going on in that particular area. Anyone willing to fill one of the open areas should contact N.Jaschik.

**7. Poverty DVD, Power point Program-** E.Lemon reported that the most recent presentation was at the Lutheran Church at East Ave. and Goodman. There is still a need to obtain bookings for the presentation. To date "Let Justice Roll" has not been active in this regard.

**8. Nominating Committee-** G.Mott- The committee will meet again in the near future.

**9. Immigration Program at DCF-** H.Parreno- She, E.Herman and D.Bird were involved. About 80 attended; awaiting evaluation from K.Neylon. A follow up forum is planned to be held.

**10. "Homeless & Hunger Guide"** -P.Brayer- 164 organizations listed. The plan is to bring

a copy to each Poverty DVD presentation.

**11. "Let Justice Roll" (LJR)-** N.Jaschik- Still in priority setting process. Brian Hetherington made an excellent presentation on social services issues at the last LJR meeting.

**12. Reentry Project-** P.Brayer will prepare some material for e mail distribution to the board and membership.

**13. Burial Project-** G.L'Esperance-The Dept. of Human Services has asked the task force to wait until the end of March before doing anything. The task force will wait until then.

**14. Crowne Plaza Labor issues-** N.Jaschik will send out an e mail flyer on a forthcoming community briefing to the board and membership.

**15. State/National Issues-** N.Jaschik- There will be a meeting at the DCF on March 29. N.Jaschik will send out info by e mail. April 23,2007 will be "Reform Day in Albany. Two buses will be available (one on Saturday with a motel overnight and one on early Sunday with same day return. Goal-to reenergize governmental reform.

**16. Economic Justice-** G.Mott- The welfare budget benefit has not increased since 1990. Recommends book "Middle Church, Middle Synagogue, Middle Mosque" by Bob Edgers (sp?)

**17. Children's Zone-** E.Herman will try to obtain a speaker re this for the April board meeting. N.Jaschik would like TIAR to consider a \$500 contribution to the Zone.

**The next meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 4 PM at Covenant United Methodist Church, Culver at Parsells).**